

GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS BOARD

The Games and Amusements Board (GAB), an agency attached to the Office of the President, is vested with supervisory and regulatory authority over professional sports and games in the Philippines. It was created as part of the government reorganization in 1951 pursuant to Executive Order 392 entitled "Further Reorganizing the Different Executive Departments, Bureaus, Offices, and Agencies of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines, Making Certain Readjustments of Personnel and Reallotments of Funds in Connection Therewith, and For Other Purposes."

ACCOMPLISHMENTS JANUARY – DECEMBER 2018

The Games and Amusements Board (GAB) continues to reap the fruits of its hard work as it continues to deliver remarkable performance in the fulfillment of its mandate to strengthen its regulatory and supervisory powers over professional sports, as well as to help generate more revenues for the government. This has been the result of various innovations introduced by the Board led by Chairman Abraham Kahlil B. Mitra, since their assumption of office in the latter part of 2016.

I. Higher Revenue Collection for the Government

The GAB generated higher revenue in FY2018 with an increase of 24% from its revenue collection in 2017. The comparative records of revenues are shown in the table below:

Description of Income	2017	2018
Fund 101		
Licenses and permits & others	13,149,806.46	20,827,989.18
General Administration	9,315.96	36,297.60
Fund 151		
3% share in TV and gate receipts	14,717,349.44	13,593,625.44
TOTAL	27,876,471.86	34,457,912.22

The detailed FY2018 revenue collection per sport is shown below:

SPORTS	PERMITS	LICENSES	Registration Fee	Miscellaneous	Fines & Penalties	Derby Assessment Fee (Cockfighting)	Pari-Mutuel Share (Horseracing)	TOTAL INCOME
Fund 101								
Basketball (PBA)	205,600.00	1,074,700.00	121,200.00	3,745.00	99,000.00			1,504,245.00
Basketball (ABL)	4,000.00	484,250.00	10,100.00					498,350.00
Billiards	4,000.00	36,000.00		2,400.00	1,500.00			43,900.00

Golf	127,850.00	389,750.00		300.00	21,750.00			539,650.00
Cycling	16,000.00	148,700.00		100.00				164,800.00
Football	45,000.00	243,650.00		1,400.00	1,800.00			291,850.00
Motocross	4,000.00	7,000.00						11,000.00
E-Sports	34,400.00	791,800.00		2,000.00	10,000.00			838,200.00
Triathlon	4,000.00	26,500.00		1,130.00				31,630.00
3-Point Shoot-Out	5,600.00	3,300.00						8,900.00
Jetski		3,200.00						3,200.00
Boxing	140,100.00	731,650.00	900.00	128,570.00	123,675.00		110,619.18	1,235,514.18
MMA	16,500.00	215,250.00		2,325.00	7,075.00			241,150.00
Cockfighting	318,000.00	12,280,120.00	3,000.00	5,600.00		1,460,100.00		14,066,820.00
Horseracing	1,279,800.00	54,120.00		100.00	5,160.00			1,339,180.00
Jai-alai	9,600.00							9,600.00
							Sub-Total	20,827,989.18
Others:								
General Admin								36,297.60
							TOTAL Fund 101	20,864,286.78
Fund 151								
3% TV Share								
Basketball (PBA)								6,165,671.00
Boxing								45,000.00
3% Gate Receipts								
Basketball (PBA)								6,911,367.34
Basketball (ABL)								61,150.80
Boxing								117,771.00
MMA								91,013.70
E-Sports								201,651.60
							TOTAL Fund 151	13,593,625.44
							GRAND TOTAL	34,457,912.22

One of the biggest contributors as shown in the table above is the collection from cockfighting (international derby). Out of the total licenses issued, 12,519 came from cockfighting. Likewise, the revenue collected in cockfighting for 2018 has surpassed the record in 2017, from P5,263,894.15 to 14,066,820.00.

Below are the detailed number of licenses and permits issued in 2017 & 2018 and the comparative reports per sport between 2017 & 2018:

Summary of Licenses and Permits		
	2017	2018
Licenses	6,485	15,751
Permits	1,642	1,501
TOTAL	8,127	17,252

The detailed number of licenses and permits issued in 2017 and 2018 are as follows:

Sports	Licenses		Permits	
	2017	2018	2017	2018
Basketball	635	412	231	265
Billiard	76	44	0	7
Golf	407	266	150	168
Cycling	137	223	20	16
Esports	107	820	7	39
Football	330	113	118	90
Motocross	41	15	8	6
Triathlon	0	83	0	6
Boxing	1,133	926	135	137
MMA	145	208	8	10
Muaythai	0	38	0	2
Cockfighting	2,877	12,519	52	20
Horseracing	566	64	735	725
3-Point Shoot-out	0	12	0	8
Jai-Alai	29	0	179	0
JetSki	0	8	0	2
Dart	2	0	0	0
TOTAL	6,485	15,751	1,643	1,501

II. Grant of FREE medical examinations for all Filipino boxers and MMA athletes

The grant of free medical examinations started in November 2017. Initially, this assistance was given to all Filipino professional boxers. The GAB and the Department of Health (DOH) entered into an agreement in 2017 to help improve the welfare of our professional boxers as well as encourage participation of more boxer-licensees.

With the continued commitment of GAB to help improve the welfare and safety of professional boxers, the GAB and DOH agreed to renew their partnership and continue to provide free diagnostic, medical and neurologic services not only for professional boxers but also for mixed-martial arts (MMA) athletes in the country. The Memorandum of Agreement was signed on August 17, 2018 and is valid for a period of two (2) years.

In 2018, more than 700 professional boxers were given free medical examinations in all public hospitals in the country. More are expected to benefit from this program due to the inclusion of MMA.

III. Gym Inspection

For welfare and safety of Filipino boxers and MMA athletes, the gym inspection is conducted to determine and ensure that all athletes programmed in the upcoming promotions are in proper drill, conditioning and training. This includes the assurance that athletes are not hiding any injuries derived from workout and sparring before their scheduled fights. Gym inspection also ensures that the gym has adequate and proper training and sparring facilities.

In 2018, 17 gyms were visited and inspected by GAB personnel, who also conducted orientations on the requirements in licensing and fight rules.

List of gyms visited and inspected:

Luzon	
August 31, 2018	Quibors Boxing Gym, Molino III, Bacoor City
September 3, 2018	Elorde Sports Center, Sucat, Parañaque City
October 4, 2018	Team Lakay Gym, La Trinidad, Benguet Shape-Up Boxing Gym, Baguio City Fight Corps MMA, Baguio City Tribal Submission Gym, Baguio City Highland Boxing Gym, La Trinidad, Benguet
December 12, 2018	Elorde Sports Center, Sta. Rita Village, Parañaque City
December 13, 2018	Elorde Southbox Boxing Gym, Las Piñas City
December 19, 2018	Tiger Gym, Mandaluyong City
Visayas	
February 28, 2018	ALA Boxing Gym, Nasipit, Talamban, Cebu City Omega Boxing Gym, Kasambagan, Cebu City Rex Wacky Salud Boxing Gym, Osmenia Village, Cebu
September 5, 2018	Big Yellow Boxing Stable, Cebu City
September 6, 2018	Joeric Stable, Opao, Mandaue City
September 24, 2018	Harada Stable, Tagbilaran, Bohol
Mindanao	
September 3, 2018	Sanman Boxing Gym, General Santos City

IV. Hosting of Boxing Convention

The GAB hosted the World Boxing Council (WBC) Asian Boxing Summit and 3rd WBC Women's Convention at the Philippine International Convention Center, Pasay City on November 16-19, 2018. The event was attended by recognized boxing personalities and delegates from the Philippines, USA, Germany, Canada, Russia, Hawaii, Czech Republic, Sweden, India, Mexico, Argentina, China, Australia, Kenya, Japan, South Korea, Hongkong, Thailand, Zambia, Taiwan, etc. The convention featured boxing ring officials seminars, boxing clinic, Muay-thai training seminar, medical meetings, ratings meetings and WBC Cares visit. There were discussions on the past, present and future of the sports, to address challenges, possibilities and risks, and celebrate and honor. An awards night was also conducted celebrating and honoring the many strong and powerful men and women who have made an impact inside and outside the ring.

V. Dialogues/Consultative Meetings

The GAB has made the Dialogues/Consultative Meetings part of its regular activities, in order to solicit fresh ideas and suggestions on how the GAB can assist and effectively serve its stakeholders.

In 2018, the GAB conducted the following Dialogues/Consultative Meetings:

February 13, 2018	with E-Sports Stakeholders at the GAB Central Office, Makati City
February 27, 2018	with Boxing Stakeholders from Visayas at the Holiday Plaza Hotel, Cebu City
March 6, 2018	with Boxing Stakeholders from Mindanao at the Grand Men Seng Hotel, Davao City
April 11, 2018	with MMA Stakeholders at the GAB Central Office, Makati City
April 23, 2018	with E-Sports promoters and athletes in Cebu City
June 13, 2018	with officials of Philippine Basketball Association (PBA) in Libis, Quezon City
July 24, 2018	with Muay-thai Stakeholders at the GAB Central Office, Makati City
September 6, 2018	with Boxing Stakeholders from Luzon at the GAB Central Office, Makati City
September 17, 2018	with members of Association of Philippine Professional Boxing Ring Officials at the GAB Central Office, Makati City
September 27, 2018	With Muay-thai Stakeholders at the GAB Central Office, Makati City
December 14, 2018	with members of Association of Philippine Professional Boxing Ring Officials at the GAB Central Office, Makati City

VI. Live Streamining and Video Recording of Boxing Event

To broadcast boxing events on the internet as it happens, live streaming through Facebook live is done, as well as video recording. This is to promote accessibility and also to ensure that review and decision over complaints filed before the GAB regarding a particular fight incident are properly rendered. At the same time, the video is used by GAB to monitor and evaluate the performance of ring officials assigned during the event.

VII. Forging of Agreement between Philippines and China

In August 2018, the GAB represented by Chairman Abraham Kahli B. Mitra, International Boxing Federation (IBF) China President Ruihang Wang and Rejoy International Holdings (Beijing) Co. Ltd. Senior Vice President Andrew Lu signed a 5-year Tripartite Agreement to boost Asian boxing. The agreement allows Rejoy Holdings to organize friendly matches and training camps for boxers from China and the Philippines and hold IBF Silk Road Champions Tournaments. On the other hand, IBF China will host the matches, camps and the championships. And for its part, the GAB will provide high-level boxers, judges, referees, coaches and trainers to actively participate in the programs.

VIII. Grant of Monthly Allowance to Former Filipino Boxing World Champions

In 2018, the GAB entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with Singwangcha Foundation represented by its founder, Mr. Naris Singwangcha, wherein the latter undertakes to provide monthly allowance to former Filipino world champions. This is in recognition of the pride and honor that these boxers have given to the Philippines during their active days as boxers.

The total allowance amounting to P228,000.00, covering the period May to December 2018, has been released to the following former Filipino world champions:

Joma Gamboa	=	P 24,000.00
Rene Barrientos	=	24,000.00
Tacy Macalos	=	30,000.00
Dodie Boy Peñalosa	=	18,000.00 (May-Oct)
Eric Chavez	=	33,000.00
Rolando Navarette	=	24,000.00
Rolando Pascua	=	24,000.00
Erbito Salavarria	=	24,000.00
Malcolm Tuñacao	=	<u>27,000.00</u>
		P228,000.00

VIII. Financial Assistance to Injured Boxers

In 2018, the GAB provided financial assistance, through the Boxer's Relief Fund, to the following professional boxers who suffered injury:

Henry Baliña	=	P 5,000.00
Edsil Jungco	=	5,000.00
Ryan Pinola	=	<u>5,000.00</u>
		P15,000.00

IX. Holding of Sabong Standardization Seminar

In coordination with local government units, the GAB continues its effort to create awareness on the role of GAB in the supervision and regulation of cockfighting in the Philippines. Various seminars and trainings for cockfighting personnel were conducted in 2018 to upgrade and professionalize the cockfighting industry. The seminars were conducted in the following places:

Date	Place
January 5, 2018	San Fernando, Pampanga
January 11, 2018	Ynares, Pasig City
January 14-15, 2018	Resorts World, Pasay City
January 19, 2018	Tabora Sports Complex, Tuba, Benguet
January 20-21, 2018	World Gamefowl Expo 2018, World Trade Center, Pasay City
January 26, 2018	Barangay Langgam, San Pedro , Laguna
January 29-31, 2018	Araneta Coliseum, Quezon City
February 3, 2018	Vigan, Ilocos Sur
February 7, 2018	Agoncillo, Batangas
February 20, 2018	Aringay Cockpit, Aringay, La Union
February 21, 2018	Kalumpiteño Cockpit, Calumpit, Bulacan
February 24, 2018	Bacolor Cockpit, Bacolor, Pampanga
February 28, 2018	Gallera de Mandaue, Mandaue, Cebu
March 1, 2018	Panglao, Bohol
March 3, 2018	San Roque Cockpit Arena, Marikina City
March 7, 2018	Igpit Sports Arena, Cagayan
March 8, 2018	Iligan city
March 9, 2018	Santa Monica Cockpit, Novaliches, Quezon City
March 15, 2018	El Nido, Palawan
April 5, 2018	San Mateo Cockpit, San Mateo, Rizal
April 10, 2018	Mobo Sports Complex, Brgy. Tugbo, Mobo, Masbate
April 14, 2018	San Roque Cockpit, San Rafael, Bulacan
April 16, 2018	Vintar, Ilocos Norte
April 18, 2018	Biliran, Leyte

April 19, 2018	Palo, Leyte
April 21, 2018	Imus, Cavite
April 25, 2018	Texas Cockpit Arena, Antipolo, Rizal
April 28-29, 2018	Resorts World, Pasay City
May 6-7, 2018	Araneta Coliseum, Quezon City
May 8, 2018	Basista, Pangasinan
May 15, 2018	Ynares, Pasig City
May 17, 2018	Pila Coliseum, Pila, Laguna
May 18, 2018	Porac, Pampanga
May 22, 2018	Balagtas, Batangas
June 4, 2018	General Trias, Cavite
June 8, 2018	Ormoc, Leyte
June 9, 2018	Maasin, Leyte
June 15, 2018	San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte
June 18-19, 2018	Gamefowl Expo, Borongan, Eastern Samar
June 25, 2018	Darasa Coliseum, Darasa, Tanuan, Batangas
June 26, 2018	Angono, Rizal
June 28, 2018	Green Cockpit, San Jose, Occidental Mindoro
June 29, 2018	Valora Cockpit, Roxas, Oriental Mindoro
June 30, 2018	Dragon Cockpit, Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro
July 17, 2018	Igpit, Misamis Oriental
July 19, 2018	Malaybalay, Bukidnon
July 21, 2018	Mandaluyong City
July 30, 2018	Mogpog, Marinduque
August 14, 2018	San Jose, Batangas
August 16, 2018	Pili, Camarines Sur
August 22, 2018	Oroquieta, Misamis Oriental
August 23, 2018	Pagadian, Zamboanga
August 24, 2018	Dipolog, Zamboanga
August 27, 2018	San Juan City
August 28, 2018	General Trias, Cavite
September 4, 2018	Koronadal, South Cotabato
September 11, 2018	Negros Oriental
September 12, 2018	Dumaguete City

September 14, 2018	Bauang, La Union
September 19, 2018	Jaro, Iloilo
October 6, 2018	Tuguegarao City, Cagayan
October 9, 2018	Roxas City
October 10, 2018	Kalibo, Aklan
October 11, 2018	San Jose, Antique
October 15, 2018	Kaybiga, Caloocan City
October 18, 2018	Dumaguete City
October 19, 2018	Tacloban City
October 24, 2018	Zamboanga City
October 25, 2018	Ipil, Sibugay
November 6, 2018	New Zabala, Surigao City
November 7, 2018	San Vicente, Butuan City
November 24, 2018	San Fernando, Pampanga
December 13, 2018	Pasay City Cockpit

X. Accreditation of New Professional Sports

In 2018, the following professional sports were accredited by GAB and added to the growing number of sports under the supervisory and regulatory powers of GAB:

- a. Triathlon
- b. 3-Point Shoot-out
- c. Jetski

Such accreditation resulted to additional revenue for the government through the collected permit fee per game and license fees of all participating athletes.

XI. GAB Anti-Illegal Gambling (AIGU)

In 2018, through the joint operation of GAB and NBI, a total of 21 individuals involved in the operation of illegal bookie joints were apprehended.

XII. Hearings and meetings attended:

1. Hearing of the House of Representatives, In Re: Department of Sports on January 23, 2018;
2. Hearing of the House of Representatives, In Re: Philippine Amusements and Gaming Authority (PAGA) on January 24, 2018;

3. Technical Working Group in the House of Representatives, In Re: Philippine Amusements and Gaming Authority (PAGA) on February 20, 2018;
4. Hearing of the House of Representatives, In Re: House Resolution in Game Fixing on February 21, 2018;
5. Hearing of the House of Representatives, In Re: House Bill No. 4843, An Act Strengthening the Games and Amusements Board and for other purposes on March 8, 2018;
6. Hearing of the House of Representatives, In Re: Cockfighting Law on March 12, 2018;
7. Technical Working Group in the House of Representatives, In Re: House Bill No. 4843, An Act Strengthening the Games and Amusements Board and for other purposes on March 21, 2018;
8. Hearing in Branch 1 Manila Trial Court relative to *KLUB DON JUAN DE MANILA, Inc., et.al. versus Games and amusements Board, et. Al, for Injunction with ancillary prayer for the Issuance of temporary Restraining Order (TRO) and Writ of Preliminary Injunction* on April 6, 2018;
9. Technical Working Group in the House of Representatives, In Re: Philippine Amusements and Gaming Authority (PAGA) on May 23, 2018;
10. Meeting with the Animal Bureau Industry, In Re: Guidelines on the Importation of Gamefowls into the Philippines on June 7, 2018;
11. Hearing in Branch 1 Manila Trial Court, In Re: *KLUB DON JUAN DE MANILA, Inc., et.al. versus Games and amusements Board, et. Al, for Injunction with ancillary prayer for the Issuance of temporary Restraining Order (TRO) and Writ of Preliminary Injunction* on June 8, 2018 and June 27, 2018;
12. Hearing of the House of Representatives, In Re: House Bill No. 7470, An Act Protecting the Right of Athletes to serve the Philippines as part of the national Team on August 7, 2018 and September 17, 2018;
13. Hearing of the House of representatives, In Re: Online Sabong and Amending the Cockfighting Law of 1974 on August 13, 2018;
14. Hearing of the House of representatives on November 19, 2018 relative to:
 - a. House Bill No. 6158 – An act Creating the Philippine Boxing Commission to Strengthen the Boxing Industry and Promote the Safety and Welfare of Filipino Boxers, and providing Funds Therefor;
 - b. House Bill No. 8257 – An Act Creating the Philippine Boxing and Combat Sports Commission and Providing Funds Therefor;

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